

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus includes an image recording device and a recording material supply device, and an external recording material supply device is connected to the recording material supply device in parallel. In a main body of the recording material supply device, a space is formed between the inner wall on a peripheral equipment connecting side and a longitudinal transport path so as to allow the longitudinal transport path to open from a front side of the recording material supply device. The longitudinal transport path is provided for transporting the recording material from the recording material supply device to the image recording device.